With the World's Great Humorists

Selections from the Writings of the Best Known Makers of Mirth.

Addison Spriggs in

And bleeding in the ditch he lay; The pain he suffered was intense, But he was proof against dismay Why should I mourn my lot," thought,

"Or give expression to an eath?" She kicked with one hind-foot-ah, what If she had landed with them both!"

There," said Addison Spriggs when he had perused the uplifting words of the poet, "is philosophy enough for any man to get through the world on with honor. To me that message shall be as a star shining in the firmament. It shall give me strength by day and guidance at night.

It was a very rainy day-one of those days when the rain comes down with no effort whatever, as if from long and steady practice-a day when everything was soaked-a day when it seemed as if everything would always be soaked. Addison Spriggs. remembering the strengthening words of the poet, hurried across the street at noon to get a sandwich and a cup of coffee. The seats at the lunch counter were very close together, and Mr. Spriggs found it necessary to wedge himself in between a fat man who drove a brewery wagon and a sad-faced young person who seemed to be mourning for some lost Lenore.

The lady who waited on Spriggs, the fee might pass on to the brewery protest, when Mr. Spriggs said:

fire-place?"

watching him.

fire. Match!"

We'll see."

ceeded to make up the fire.

"Better not put so much wood on.

He got a match from the neighbor-

to the end of the paper. The paper

flared up, a few desultory flames

"Give Me That Poker."

"Told you so," said Mrs. Dimple-

He took off some of the wood,

scorning, however, to make it ap-

pear that he was following her sug-

gestion, and, putting more paper in,

There was a fair-sized flame now.

was blackness."

the fire. "You let me-"

forc. You have too much."

"Now you just wait."

That wood is green."

started it up again.

had to butt in.'

roared her husband.

You have too much. It won't light.' 'Ha! Perhaps you know it all.

A mule had kicked him through a fence, | wagon driver, and he put out a hand | was-you might have got a boilerto catch it as it came. In so doing, he ful, old chap." struck the elbow of the young man who was yearning for his loved and lost one, causing him to lose posseshe was endeavoring to convey to his



The Seats Were Very Close Together.

philosopher, deftly scooped a sand- mouth, the result being that most of wich from a pile on a handy shelf and the liquid went into his left eye. But, tossed it upon a plate which she worse than that, the coffee which had caused to slide about seven feet along been drawn for Addison Spriggs, bethe counter and pause at the proper ing diverted from its proper course, place. It was neatly done, and per- went over into the lap of the brewery haps it was for the purpose of increas- wagon man. It has been said that ing the wonder of Mr. Spriggs that no man has a lap, but this man had she attempted to deliver his cup of one, and he seemed to regard it as too coffee after the same fashion. Un- precious a possession to be drenched fortunately, however, he became pos- with another man's coffee. He was sessed of a foolish fear that his cof- beginning to make an ungentlemanly

"I beg you, sir, to consider the words of the poet. Take an optimistic view of the matter. Why suffer Pursuit of Happiness pair to fill your breast because a cup of coffee spills within your lap? It could have been more dreadful than

The man who was accustomed to heaving kegs gave A. Spriggs a violent push, sending him against the sion of a cup of pale blonde tea which sad young man, who returned the compliment by deftly knocking Mr. Spriggs from the stool on which he had been perched. In order to avoid trouble Addison Spriggs tossed 15 cents to the eashier, as he was leaving the place, and by that time the feeble appetite he had possessed when he entered was gone. He therefore decided to return to his office. The elevator was crowded when he began to wedge his way in, and it was while he tried to get his umbrella into a safe position that he jabbed the end of it into the ear of a short and testy man at his right.

"Here! Whatcha doin', you Nanny goat's grandmother?" the short man demanded. "Get that umbrella out of my system or I'll punch your

"Yes, and quit lettin' it drip on me," directed a tall man who stood where he got more than his rightful share of moisture.

"My good friends," said Addison Spriggs, "permit me to ask you to consider the words of the optimistic bard. 'When on your head a brick descends, be not downcast, but think it well that it was not, as you passed by, a millstone that upon you fell."

This, unluckily, was considered an insult added to injury, and at the seventh floor Addison Spriggs was flung out of the elevator so violently that he fell upon his umbrella, ruining it and almost impaling himself.

"Optimism's a good thing till you try to practice it," he sadly said as he returned to work.

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"As for me," he exclaimed, "I'm going down to the club to get some of your confounded smoke out of my sys-

"Your smoke! I like that, Go! Hope you'll enjoy yourself. Glad to get rid of you.'

He slammed the door, and walking down the front steps exclaimed to himself:

'Ha! It worked this time all right.' While his wife whispered to herself: "Perhaps it is just as well. If he had stayed home he would have wanted me to read aloud to him all the evening."

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his life, and not knowing how to use

it, was told that when the bell rang

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The answer came back: "I'm 105."

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

Wealth of Melody.

had been dragged by his spouse to the

opera, where he promptly proceeded

to take a nap. In the midst of it he

was awakened by this in the most

"Ah! What a rich chord! Isn't it,

"Er-ah-yes-how much would .you

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gun?" asked the flirt, who was visiting

"They represent men," replied Cac-

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"What are those notches in your

say it's worth?" he murmured.

After a hard day in Wall street he

"Go on," said the boy. "It's time

picked up the receiver and shouted:

he was to answer it.

you were dead.'

soulful accents:

goods were new.

smarter than I wuz."

parasol handle."

the ranch.

"Hello, who's there?"

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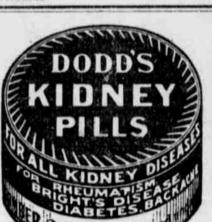
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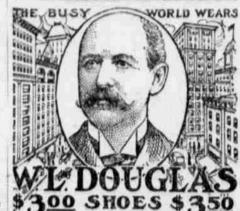
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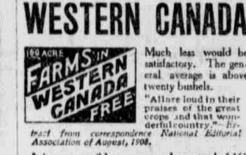
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"Wouldn't it be ratner nice," said : "That's what you've been trying to Mrs. Dimpleton, "to have a fire in the do. You can't make up a fire, See, the room is full of smoke."

First rate," replied Dimpleton. "I didn't! You did." "I'll go down and get some wood." He descended into the cellar, and moment returned with his arms

cour life

Just keep on trying." "Of course it will burn. If there's

one thing I can do, it is to make a his coat.

All's Well That Ends Well By Thomas L. Masson. tem.

> "You did it." "You never made a decent fire in

"If I couldn't make a better attempt full. He got a newspaper and prothan that, I wouldn't try." "Are you sure that will burn?" "I won't try any more. Glad to

Dimpleton rushed to the closet for

asked Mrs. Dimpleton, who was know you think you can make one.

Imaginary Monologues of the Mighty

By Count Leo Toistoy. (Transplanted by Henry Tyrrell.)

ing table, struck it, and applied it I can remain glum no longer. After 80 years of reading, writing and I'd better do the skipping myself, and licked their way around the wood, died figuring how to appear to live down cut out all the other fellows' rot beto my own hard-luck stories (which fore I send in my copy. I must say have been fairly good sellers, because they make every man feel that he is a villain, and so he VICH: dutifully gives up his kopecks for my screeds, as a kind of consciencemoney)-I am resolved to be up and doing somebody, I mean something, or some American newspaper, to get a laughsky.

> William Dean Howells thinks ought to do a Russian business. think William is a Sar-Dean.

As the poetessen says,-

Laugh, and the press laughs with you. Snore, and you sleep alone.

The humorists are eating up all the space nowadays, and I want to be in My first big joke, on Shakespeare,

have already sprung, and it looks like a winner. I am getting returns from it that might satisfy a boomerout, brightened up, died out again, ang-thrower. I started in blithely, you may respluttered faintly-and then there

member, by declaring that Shake cannot be recognized either as a great ton, who got up and started toward genius or even as an average author. Of course, I don't claim this remark "I won't do anything of the sort. as original. It is what they all say-I tell you I know how to make a fire. about Me. But note how cleverly I have turned it off on the Englishman. "I could have told you that be-What?

Then I go on to show that his 'Hamlet" and other star-vehicles and fore, you had better hit a man with vaudeville sketches, are chock-full of played-out quotations, and would not draw a paying house at any ten-twent'and-thirt' combination theater on the Nevsky Prospekt to-day.

I guess that will hold the bunch for Mrs. Dimpleton, however, thought a while, and give me a chance to unshe saw a way to make it better, load my huge boiler-plate, space-an help some She began poking the wood with the nihilating machine, known as the poker. Dimpleton couldn't stand it. "Tolstoy Cycle of Readings." This He grabbed the poker away from her, "Cycle" title refers to the wheels in ahead of the present generation, it is Don't you see you are putting it my venerable head. The thing itself necessary to educate him wille havout? I had it nicely started, and you is my own private original scrap-ing in view an ideally perfect man. book of 365 pages-one for each day (Note.-My portrait is run, or ought Mrs. Dimpleton, too much occupied in the year-and contains some of the to be, daily with this service.) with the problem of the fire, paid no best thinks from great thoughters, inattention to her husband, but grabbed cluding largely myself, that I ever strength, nor money, to burn and difthe tongs and started to re-arrange it. wrote. The stuff from the other fel- fuse light, we should at least refrain "You let me make up that fire," lows is printed in plain, ordinary from blowing out the gas. type, like this. My own writings are (Copyright, 1969, by W. G. Chapman.)

printed all in italies, so that anyone, even an Italian, will know what not to skip. Come to think of it, maybe

So, here you have the quintessence of TOLSTOY THE HUMORISTO-

My "Motor-Cycle of Readings." February 23.-A wound inflicted by weapons may be cured, but never a wound inflicted by the tongue. There-



"William Dean Howells Thinks

a piece of lead pipe than tell him his necktie is off color. March 4.-However many times you

may fail, don't be a quitter. If at first you don't succeed, fail, fail again. Also an insurance fire, followed by a sacrifice sale of damaged goods, may June, 2 p. m.-In order to educate

a man, fit for the future, to stand

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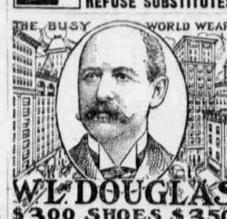
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